

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

ADULT HEAD INJURY (AHI) PROGRAM

MISSION

To provide for the identification and integration of resources for all eligible Missouri residents who sustain a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), thereby enhancing their opportunity to obtain the necessary supports that will enable them to return to a productive lifestyle in their community.

PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT

The AHI Program respects the human dignity of each individual and recognizes that each person should function as independently as possible within the community.

CORE VALUES

AHI Program decisions are guided by the following core values:

- Person-centered;
- Outcome-oriented;
- Community inclusion;
- Family/significant others' involvement in immediate and long-term goal planning;
- Personal responsibility for functional improvements;
- Resumption of a productive lifestyle;
- Responsible resource management; and
- Supportive partnerships.

CORE VALUE DEFINITIONS

The AHI Program core values are defined below:

Person-centered:

Each individual has the right to participate in the planning and design of his/her services to the best of his/her capability. The participant's abilities, wishes, and desires are primary in making decisions about Head Injury sponsored goals.

Outcome-oriented:

Each individual's program goals and objectives are regularly evaluated by the AHI Service Coordinator to assure benchmarks are being accomplished toward the long-term goal as stated in the SHCN Service Plan.

Community inclusion:

Goals, objectives, and all associated activities sponsored by the AHI Program are designed to encourage community integration and inclusion in age-appropriate life activities.

Family/Significant others' involvement in immediate and long-term goal planning:

While the participant is at the center of the planning process, the family/significant others' goals and special knowledge of the participant are considered and incorporated into all decision making, whether for short-term or long-term goals. The family is expected to be willing to actively participate in the individual's functional improvement.

Personal responsibility for functional improvements:

Participants shall be actively involved in decisions about their care and to perform recommended activities toward the agreed-upon long-term goal.

Resumption of a productive lifestyle:

Participants are expected to engage in specific goals of resuming a lifestyle of productivity such as return to work (paid or unpaid), school, independent living (supported or non-supported), and contributing family member.

Responsible resource management:

The AHI Program is committed to the responsible management of all financial or programmatic resources available to the participant to assure maximum benefit from each.

Supportive partnerships:

The Program requires that all parties involved in assisting participants collaborate and plan together for transitions from service to service and toward community reintegration.